

I claim:

1. A method of providing lodging and vehicle rentals for travelers, said lodging including rooms and parking spaces associated with said rooms, comprising the steps of:

providing a vehicle in a parking space associated with a room;

accepting a common reservation for said room and said parking space;

providing transportation from a common carrier arrival point to said lodging;

accepting payment at said room for both said room and said vehicle; and

granting access to said room and said vehicle following said payment.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said common carrier arrival point is an airport, said transportation is a shuttle bus or van, and said lodging is located away from said airport.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of accepting payment comprises the steps of having the traveler insert a payment card in a card reader situated in or adjacent a door to said room, charging

the payment card or debiting an account belonging to the traveler.

4. A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the step of enabling access to the room comprises the step of unlocking a door to the room upon receiving said payment.
5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of enabling access to the room further comprises the step of providing car keys within said room or retrieval by the traveler after the door has been unlocked.
6. A method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising the steps of:
enabling check-out from said room by accepting said payment card for final payment; and
printing, using a printer situated in said room, a receipt detailing final charges.
7. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein registration is required prior to pick-up by said transportation.
8. A method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising the step of requested a credit card and valid driver's license number from the traveler during registration.

9. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of checking a driver's identity and confirming that the car has been rented whenever one of said rental cars is driven from said parking space away from said lodging.
10. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lodging provides additional amenities commensurate with those provided by hotels and motels.
11. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of selling gasoline to travelers at a gas pump provided adjacent said lodging.
12. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of cleaning and maintaining said vehicles between rentals while said vehicles are parked in said parking spaces.
13. A method of providing lodging and vehicle rentals for travelers, comprising the step of providing said lodging and vehicle rentals at a single location accessible to a traveler by a single shuttle ride.
14. A method of providing lodging and vehicle rentals to a traveler, comprising the steps of accepting, at a

room to be rented, payment for both said room and a vehicle parked in a parking space associated with said room.

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15. A method of operating a vehicle rental agency, comprising the step of storing and maintaining said vehicles during periods between rentals in parking spaces associated with hotel or motel rooms, and accepting common payment for said vehicles and said rooms.
 16. A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the step of requiring registration for said vehicles and said rooms prior to transportation to said rooms.
 17. A method as claimed in claim 16, further comprising the step of requesting a credit card and valid driver's license number from the traveler during registration.
 18. A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the step of checking a driver's identity and confirming that the car has been rented whenever one of said rental cars is driven from said parking space away from said lodging.

